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Elba, Alabama

Thursday, December 4, 2003 1 Section, 12 Pages Plus 1 Adv. Insert

Skydiving and MLRS demonstration coming to Collision sends one to the hospital Elba National Guard Armory on Saturday, Dec. 6

Recent training efforts of the mentioned while the rockets eral other displays. Elba National Guard unit will be can travel a distance of 71 km Also, SKYDIVE HEAD-

play the equipment Saturday, also be video of the first live fire presentation. Dec. 6, at the National Guard Armory, located on Larkin Road (airport road) in Elba, beginning at 9 a.m.

The MLRS is a \$2.8 million deep strike vehicle designed to reach its enemy at large distances, and the Elba guard unit has been training to use the MLRS since March of 2002.

This vehicle was designed to

replace the old Persian System. and it can put its crew within one meter of its target anywhere in the world. It can hit a target at a maximum distance of 386 km or 181.5 miles while being able
The guardsmen of the Elba National Guard unit have completed

- maximum distance previously unit in Alabama, as well as, sev-

highlighted this weekend during or 45 miles. LAND from Headland, Ala. its Open House/Family Day. During Saturday's Open will be on hand to entertain The local unit, more officially House/Family Day for the Elba those in attendance with their known as B Battery of the 3rd National Guard unit, the guards- skydiving skills - weather per-Battalion headquartered in Troy, men will perform mock mis- mitting. The skydiving activity has completed its training with sions to demonstrate this "high- is expected to begin at approxithe Multiple Launcher Rocket ly technical - very devastating mately 9 a.m., and the public is System (MLRS) and will dis- piece of equipment. There will invited to come and watch this

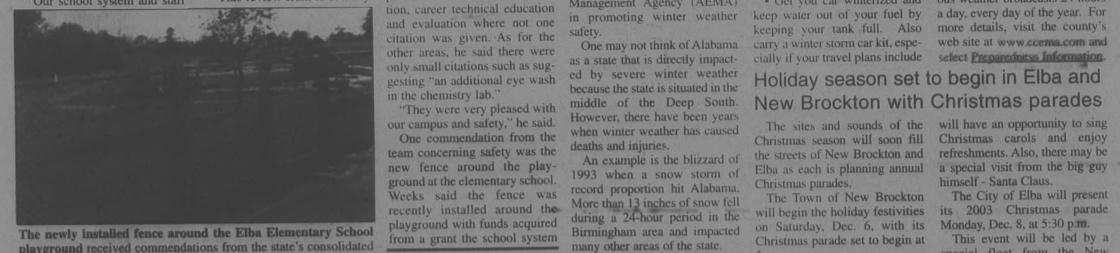


to fire both missiles and rockets. training with the Multiple Launcher Rocket System (shown above). The MLRS crew can fire two They will perform mock missions to demonstrate the equipment missiles within 20 seconds or 12 rockets within 60 seconds.

Saturday, Dec. 6, during their Open House/Family Day at the armory in Elba.

State Board of Education completes consolidated review Elba City School System receives high marks

by teachers to better prepare said. "I am proud to report we are trained to look for violatheir students for an upcoming received very high marks in all tions." test, but these days, the word areas of the consolidated review. He said the review team everyone at a school system as accomplishments."



playground received commendations from the state's consolidated iro review team. This fence was among several different things to Please See ELBA, Page 3 impress the review team in regards to campus safety.

by Linda Hodge, Editor lately," Elba City School personnel," Weeks said. "They Usually, review is a term used Superintendent Danny Weeks go to all the school systems and

review creates anxiety within and I commend the staff on its closely looks at everything the school system does including: themselves under the watchful review every five years, but it is Personnel Evaluation (PEPE) The Elba City School System

With this review, a 15 meminstruction, career technical

Winter Weather December 1-5, 2003 as require cooking or refrigeration winter weather. eye of some sort of review team. now done every three years. Program, all federal programs,

"Our school system and staff "This review team is actually pleased in the areas of instruction, career technical education ton, career technical education to the Alabama Emergency sources.

Weather Radio provides continuous weather broadcasts 24 hours ton, career technical education to citation was given. As for the safety. in the chemistry lab."

> One commendation from the when winter weather has caused The sites and sounds of the will have an opportunity to sing team concerning safety was the deaths and injuries. new fence around the playground at the elementary school.
>
> An example is the blizzard of the streets of New Brockton and refreshments. Also, there may be a special visit from the big guy bimself. Santa Claus

weather information. • Check your food supply and During this activity, everyone events.

turned after colliding with a 1977 Ford Ranger pickup truck being driven by Jodie Lee Johnson, age 24, also of Elba. According to the accident report, Edwards was traveling East on Hickman Ave. when he ran the red light at the ntersection resulting in the collision with Bypass. A passenger in Edwards' vehicle, Jesse Whitfield, age 34, of Elba, was transported by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital after receiving treatment by paramedics at the scene. The accident was investigated by officers Kevin Wise and Dalton Francis.

A two-vehicle collision at the intersection of the

203 Bypass and Hickman Avenue in Elba

Tuesday, Nov. 25, resulted in one person being

transported to the hospital for injuries sus-

tained. The Elba Police Department received

notification of the accident at approximately

11:53 a.m. last Tuesday morning, and upon

arrival officers found one vehicle overturned. A .

1991 Ford Aerostar van being driven by Ronnie

Joe Edwards, age 31, of Elba, skidded and over-

students, teachers and administration and finance, the trators all continuously find trators are continuously find trators all continuously find trators are continuously find trators are

Gov. Bob Riley has pro- stock with items that do not areas that could be affected by recently completed one of these type reviews as the state board of reducation for three days and looks of reducation for the state board of re

> only small citations such as sugour campus and safety," he said. However, there have been years

> An example is the blizzard of the streets of New Brockton and refreshments. Also, there may be from a grant the school system
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> Birmingham area and impacted on Saturday, Dec. 6, with its Monday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m. many other areas of the state. Christmas parade set to begin at This event will be led by a In light of that possibility, here 5 p.m.

are some winter safety-rules: · Check battery powered parade, spectators are encour- donations of canned foods. These equipment before the storm aged to come to the town park, items will be donated to those in arrives. You may have to depend located next to New Brockton need during the holidays. on a portable radio or TV for Town Hall, for the annual light- Everyone is encouraged to

of education implemented a at everything from books and portation and child nutrition.

Coffee County Emergency

Check you supply of heating wear layered loose-fitting clothconsolidated review of the system.

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and evaluation where not one in promoting winter weather keep water out of your fuel by a day, every day of the year. For keeping your tank full. Also more details, visit the county's other areas, he said there were One may not think of Alabama carry a winter storm car kit, espe- web site at www.ccema.com and

gesting "an additional eye wash in the chemistry lab." ed by severe winter weather because the state is situated in the "They were very pleased with middle of the Deep South. New Brockton with Christmas parades

Immediately following the Season's Study Club accepting ing of the town's Christmas tree. attend these special holiday

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m., at the Board of Education office located on Reddoch Hill in Elba.





NEW OFFICE LOCATION...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, Nov. 24, for Mart Gray's office of the Alabama Baptist Cooperative Fellowship. Gray recently moved his office to its new home on the square in downtown Elba along Simmons Street. Those present for the office ribbon cutting were (from left): Destiny Hudson, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Mary Gray, Future Little Miss Elba Annaley Padgett, Mart Gray, Renee Lambert, Jimmy Harrison - president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce board, Doris Matthews, Miss Elba Anna Anderson and Herby McCall.

It is hard to imagine a pile of money totaling over \$5.3 million "hidden" in the back of a semi truck, yet that is just what law officers reported finding last Wednesday evening in South Texas. It took from then until late Thursday to finish counting the bundles of cash. We saw the 1/2 million plus dollars State Trooper R. W. Whitworth discovered several years ago during a routine Through the process of this traffic stop and that pile of money boggled our mind, but this latest find is ten times larger!

A salute to Alabama Governor Bob Riley for speaking out on the Certainly, there is a greater Auburn University coaching situation. Now we don't care who opportunity for growth than they hire for a coach . . . there or at Alabama (or any of these we have had in the rece schools of higher learning), but the power brokers behind that past. mess in Auburn were wrong, wrong, wrong. The list of exactly I also want to commend the Stafford Thompson to note that what they did wrong is long but clearly self serving on behalf of both the crew that flew to Kentucky and those behind the scene encouraging the trip. The continuous press leaks about the coach's future at Auburn University being shaky were designed to undermine fan moral and support for Coach Tubberville. Yet after the Tigers beat the Crimson Tide things got very quiet from the rumor mill. Then after the governor stepped in, the whole bunch started either backpeddling or ducking for cover. There has still been no one to step forward and take the blame for engineering the mess. Probably never will be, but we have our ideas. You probably have ideas also.

Oh, so not to be left out, Alabama officials jumped in for their share of dumb actions the same week by firing a male cheerleader. This was the guy who left the Auburn cheering squad and became an Alabama cheerleader only to be fired for his War Eagle yell on national TV. Our take on that was (and is) that he Dawkins St., right on Main did something asked for by a TV announcer ... all in fun, which is what "games" were originally intended to be. What Alabama folks should have exploited was the fact that he LEFT Auburn and transferred to Alabama. Without saying, nor caring, why he changed schools, it would have made far more points outside the fanatical Tide group than what they did do.

Last week we received an e-mail copy of the results on the latest AEA poll dealing with the state's economy and finanical needs. A quick scan of the numbers is enlightening to say the least. It leaves us with the opinion that Governor Riley and the legislature can get the voters to approve additional taxes if they are tor you. asked for one at the time, and for a real documented need. Also any and all money requests must be preceeded by a real (and succesful) effort for accountability in state government. Now, many folks on the state payrolls (both as career employees, elected officials and as sellers of services) will feel the pinch of real best insurance protection at accountability being demanded by the taxpayers. Of course that pinch is already being felt. However in the long run the state as a whole will benefit from such progressive actions.

custody dispute, one interfer- (5:04 p.m.). ence with child custody and one

made: one for public intoxica- a.m.); Coffee County EMS dis

Traffic citations issued during p.m.). the week were as follows: two for driving with a revoked dri- THURSDAY, NOV. 27 switched tag, three for no dri- reported at 1591 Caroline St. ver's license and one for no tag. (5:10 p.m.).

Daily activity highlights for

Elba Fire Department dis- Reese Ave. (11:35 p.m.). patched to a vehicle fire in the EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87 Routine activity. North (5:00 p.m.); Coffee

(11:55 a.m.); Coffee County to 1310 Smith Ave. (8:06 p.m.).

The Elha Police Department, EMS dispatched to the wreck on beginning Monday, Nov. 24, Hwy. 84 W (11:57 a.m.); Elba 2003, investigated the following Fire Department dispatched to incidents: two for criminal mis- the wreck on Hwy. 84 W (12:01 chief, two for theft of property, p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck one assault, one incident, one reported at the intersection of public intoxication, one child the 203 Bypass and Hwy. 87 N

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26 The following arrests were River stage - 6.49 feet (6:33 patched to 616 Lee St. (3:22 | Auto-Owners Insurance

ver's license, twelve for speed- Prowler reported at 1404 Reese ing, four for no insurance, one Ave. (2:17 a.m.); River stage for reckless driving, one for run- 6.34 feet (6:47 a.m.); Coffee ning a stop sign, four for not County EMS dispatched to 1134 wearing a seat belt, six for no County Rd. 461 (2:29 p.m.); proof of insurance, one for a Possible domestic disturbance

the week were as follows: FRIDAY, NOV. 28 - River MONDAY, NOV. 24 - River stage - 9.13 feet (6:14 a.m.); STANCES THROUGH CHRIST stage - 5.70 feet (6:05 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 812 A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry

(3:57 p.m.); Coffee County stage - 9.52 feet (6:15 a.m.);

County EMS dispatched to SUNDAY, NOV. 30 - Elba Fire 20668 Hwy. 87 North (8:08 Department dispatched to vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 733 Reese Ave. (3:33 p.m.); 84 W next to Gene's Auto Sales Coffee County EMS dispatched

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Enterprise-Ozark Community College becomes a reality

faculty and staff at all locations of the list. by Stafford Thompson

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the necessity of change

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in line with the standards and

needs of Army Aviation. The

Education (DPE) is studying the

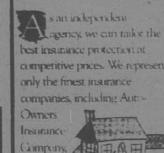
critical needs for vocational pro-

NOTICE Second, I would point out that Attention All Entries for we are working with the ven-New Brockton Parade Begin lining up at 4 p.m. on aturday, Dec. 6. If you Maintenance Program to bring it

Mrs. Herron at 894-6211 t get line-up order. The parade will line up a he New Brockton Elementary School and will depart the school at 5 p.m. It will run down John St., left on King St., right on back to the elementary

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Family Dollar Store parking lot SATURDAY, NOV. 29 - River - SOCIAL SECURITY REP. • ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ • ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & Bradshaw Pest Control in WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday response to a fire alarm (12:00 | following 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City TUESDAY, NOV. 25 - River a.m.); River stage - 8.90 feet . ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN stage - 6.33 feet (6:31 a.m.); (6:06 a.m.); Coffee County Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Disturbance (in progress) EMS dispatched to County Rd. Church Fellowship Hall -GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP-every reported at 1245 Martin Luther 138 (8:47 a.m.); Domestic dis- Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba Unit King Dr. (11:44 a.m.); Two- turbance reported across from Methodist Church-enter on side on W. SION -2nd & 4th Monday -Community Room in Farm Center LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues -:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD -1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office AMERICAN LEGION sesday of every month-7:00 p.m. egion Hall , Troy Hwy, MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & Brd Monday of each month- 7 p.m. -BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. -

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of EOCC. They have demon- The DPE study will also assist. I reiterate my gratitude to all strated a spirit of cooperation the College in determining other who have helped in this transi-Enterprise-Ozark Community that smoothed the transition and programs that merit revision or tion. A special email address,

rograms to tion can be found in the many ments and suggestions for future he citizens and varied short-term training programs, services, and of Alabama programs we are providing to improvement



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HAZEL VIRGINIA GILBERT PARKER

Mrs. Hazel Virginia Gilbert arrangements.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, from 6-8 p.m. in Elba with Rev. W.L. Peterson Reese Kelley. Survivors include three

(Eddie) Parker, all of Elba, Ala.; formerly of Elba. (Valerie) Parker, Columbus, at Fairview Baptist Church, Ohio; one sister: Brenda with Ministers Larry Cummings Gilbert, Syracuse, N.Y.; 16 and Scott Ferguson officiating. Dear Ferrin, grandchildren and three great- Burial followed in Fairview This letter is in response to an of position or money, to stand for look at St. Matthew 24.

THEO E. MAULDIN Survivors include one daugh- grandchildren. Dorothy Hussey, Jack, Ala., Cleo McDaniel, Brundidge, JOHN PINKSTON

FRED SAMUEL KELLEY Montgomery, Ala. 93, a life long resident of the Nov. 29, 2003, at Antioch Victoria community and Coffee Missionary Baptist Church, County, died Dec. 1, 2003 at Newton, Ala., with Rev. S.C. Elba Nursing Home in Elba. Jackson officiating. Burial fol-Postal Service and a Deacon of Funeral Home of Elba directing. the Victoria Baptist Church. Survivors include two daugh-

Coleman Funeral Hom directing. and several nieces and nephews. grandchildren.

(Johnny Kelley), Joyce Parker WYATT JACKSON Montgomery, Ala.; Gary Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at 2 p.m.

Ala.; one brother: Lester Mr. John Pinkston died Nov. lems in this country, is that no states of Cataclysmic occur-English, Ozark, Ala.; and two 23, 2003, at Dale County one wants to get involved. Judge rences in the earth, can you by was born May 5, 1927, in

Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Friday. Dec. 5, 2003 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Donnie Marter office.

Byd., Enterprise: four sisters:

Pam, Razan & Ryan McCollough ating. Burial will follow in the Maggie Tate, Rebecca Hanna,

daughters: Melanie Hall, Clara BRUNETTA BOWDOIN FORREST P. BRUNSON Forrest Randall and Judie (Isaiah), all of Elba; eight sons: Mrs. Brunetta Bowdoin Wyatt 90, of Montgomery, died Dec. 2, sisters: Hazel Prior, Atlanta. for all buses. With this system, an excellent review," Week said. Larry (Diane) Gilbert, Willie Jackson, age 84, of Opp. Ala., 2003 at Jackson Hospital. Mr. Ga., Mildred Brock and Weeks said the bus supervisor "I just want to thank each and Parker, Dothan, Ala.; Billy died Nov. 28, 2003, at Mizell Brunson was a lifelong resident Kathleen Warren, both of can contact individual buses every one and commend them

Ms. Mauldin was preceded in grandchildren, 35 great-grand- word cult. My question then is, ered to be a cult. John Hagee is a death by one son, Carl Mauldin. children, and 8 great-great what do you define as cult? In no man to be commended for his

Victoria Baptist Church both of Ohio; Annie Mae

Parker, age 63, died Nov. 20, Visitation will be at Hayes Mrs. Ollie Mae (Hayward); Visitation will be at Hayes Mrs. Edna E. Holman, Orano, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Nov. 24, 2003 at Greater New Mr. Kelley was preceded in Maine; son-in-law: Jackie Bess. He was preceded in death by law: Marie Hall, Newton, Ala., Brunson. officiating. Burial followed at Survivors include his sister: and Mary E. Toney, Survivors include his daugh-Evergreen Cemetery with Mary Kota, Marysville, MI.; Birmingham; grand- and great- ter and son-in-law; Minette

(Christina) Parker, Christopher Memorial Hospital in Opp. She of Elba and Coffee County. Birmingham. Alene Ball, when bad weather hits or when for their efforts." Parker, Ronnie Parker, Joseph was a retired textile worker, and Graveside and burial services Davidson, S.C.; one brother: there is any other need for conwill be held at Evergreen Lamar Brunson, Talladega, Ala.: tact. Anthony (Phyllis) Hall, Funeral services were held Cemetery in Elba Thursday, Dec. and four grandchildren. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baptist Cemetery, directed by article featured last week in the that which is right. You also stat- So in closing I will say, we Wyatt Funeral Home of Opp. Brainstorm Column. We agree ed in your article, that Jesus will may not all believe the same on Survivors include sons: Juan with you on the debate concern- come back and pluck those cult end time Eschatology, but as you Ms. Theo E. Mauldin, age 76, Victor Wyatt Sr., Joel Leslie ing the ten commandments, that followers up to heaven and leave stated, this is a free country, so in of Brundidge, Ala., died Nov. 24, Wyatt, both of Opp; Donovan this activity should bring us all to the rest of us behind. Who is the our Bible beliefs, we have a right 2003 at Dale Medical Center. Wyatt, Birmingham: Michael the forefront to stand up in this rest of us? Just because a person to be wrong. Funeral services were held Dale Wyatt, Millbrook; daugh- state and in this country for our doesn't belong to a mainstream Thank you, Nov. 26, 2003 at Dorcas Baptist ters: Judy Wyatt Cain. Troy; right to acknowledge God. church denomination, does that Larry Mills Church with Rev. Donnie Nancy Wyatt Tyler. Donna However, in your example of qualify them to be a cult? I guess Marler officiating. Burial fol- Wyatt Harper, and Melissa extremism, we were alarmed of in the day of our Lord's ministry lowed at Chestnut Grove Wyatt Mitchell, all of Opp; a your labeling of a Christian because he and his 12 disciples Cemetery with Dillard Funeral brother: Col. Max S. Bowdoin. Brother as a cult leader. No less wasn't with the us crowd of the Home of Brundidge directing. Retired, Wetumpka, Ala.; 21 than 4 times you emphasized the pharisees, he was also consid-

ter: Benita Mauldin, Brundidge. Any donations may be made. Hagee, but after discussing it preachers on the national level Ala.; three sisters: Cleone to the Heart Foundation, or with a few Christian Brethren, I are preaching against the Hussey, Brundidge, Ala., Westview Baptist Church. felt I couldn't keep silent, immorality and moral decay that

Mr. Fred Samuel Kelley, age Funeral services were held

Mr. Kelley was a WWII Navy lowed in Samson City Veteran, Retired from the US Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral services will be at ters: Diann Griffin, Enterprise;

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and Don Kimbro, Montgomery;

his son and daughter-in-law:

example, not to be afraid of loss Maybe we should take a close

Silence is always a vote against is in this nation. And if this someone. That is one of the prob- brother's end time Eschatology

Medical Center, Ozark, Ala. He Roy Moore has shown us by the scriptures disprove this.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the prayers, expressions of kindness and concern shown to us during Earl's illness and death. Our family has found tremendous com-

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All in all. Weeks said the staff pplied for and received. He said other commendations of the Elba City School System Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Wright, Montgomery; Hurlie 4, 2003 beginning at 2 p.m. with from the review team included has been heavily monitored over Funeral Home in charge of Lee Mosley, Baltimore, Md.; Min. Roger Dill officiating and the journalism broadcast pro- the past few years not only with brother and sisters-in-law: Hayes Funeral Home directing gram at the high school, the the recently completed consolischool system's web page in dated reviews but with others Funeral Home on Thursday. Leon J. (Rozetta), Samson; and Funeral Home Thursday, Dec. 4. which the team indicated was such as the SACS Review at very informative for parents both schools, review of the gift-

regarding upcoming events, the ed programs, etc. Zion Missionary Baptist Church death by his wife, Elizabeth Newton, Ala.; two sisters-in- his wife, Thelma Wooten elementary school reading program and a two-hour uninter- ready and willing to do all the morning at the elementary reviews as well as keep their He also said the team com- "Preparing for reviews means

Mr. Forrest P. Brunson, age Brunson, Pensacola, Fla.; four two-way communication system but the hardwork has paid off in

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To my dearest family and friends, some Things I'd like to say, But first of all, to let you know, that I Arrived okay. I'm writing this from Heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness: Here is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm Out of sight. Remember that I am with you every " " Morning, noon and night." That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. t's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone And as for your dear family, they'll be here later on. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man.

I wish that I could tell you all what God has planned. God gave me a list of things that He wished for me to do. and foremost on the list, was to watch and care for all of you. And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you ...in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry -- it does relieve the pain. emember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain

One thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er, I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. here are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.

If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain Then you can say to God at night... "My day was not in vain." And now I am contented...that my short life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go...from that body to be free.

> Author Unknown Patricia Anne Donaldson Russell January 10, 1947 - December 6, 1978

> > The Family of Anne Donaldson

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Christian Mission to sponsor BBQ on

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The Saint Beulah

in Huntsville, Alabama. and Brandon Kelley, Melissa Eria Lindsey Belcher, Elba dur-Rev. Dr. Scruggs is Vice Kelley, from Alabama State Ing the Thanksgiving holidays. President at-large of the University, Montgomery, Today is a good day; be grate- Ken Stroup is the featured Alicia live in Buhl, AL. Ken Line Partiet Churce President at-large of the University. Montgomery, Today is a good day, be grate-National Baptist Convention, Alabama Connie Moody, Curtis ful! U.S.A. Inc. among his many Kelley and Braxton. Tyrone accomplishments Rev. Scruggs of Ministry from Vanderbilt

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Geneva Highway. Boston Butts. ***Thinking of you, praying for Terrence. Tonva Smith. Tony will be ready on Wednesday, you: Clarence Taylor, John E. Kelley, Juanita Brooks and

Missionary Baptist Church to ***Thanksgiving Day, Belcher,

Baptist Church is celebrating its friends in their home for dinner. Ala.; and Bishop E. Edwards of 100th year church anniversary Those enjoying the delicious Rochester. Nv., Mittie B. set for December 11-13 December 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. meal were: Ronnie and Edwards, Opp. Ala. Donald First Missionary Baptist Church Gulley, Lydia, Tiffney, Brandy Bettye Reffegee of Elba visited 13th. Ken Stroup will be the Alabama State Council.

completed requirements for a St. Luke United Methodist Church to hold Annual Ministry. He is an ordained State Community College in Garretts for a country gospel Master of Divinity and Doctor Drive-Through Live Nativity December 13 & 14 Bishop in the Church of God. Tuscaloosa, AL this fall. Alicia concert on Saturday, December

St. Luke United Methodist is located on Heath Street near Tennessee. He is married to the Church in Enterprise will hold Enterprise High School. former Josephine Stewart Tipton their Annual Drive-Through Live Nativity. The nine-scene Christmas Play to be two children and grand-parents and Sunday, December 13 and Baptist Church 14, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. St.

Luke United Methodist Church "Christmas in Pine Level", a ferent denominations. He has music ministry and travel with Enterprise at 1000 Hwy 92, just PROPANE MAKES YOU FEEL MORE AT HOME WITH YOUR HOME.

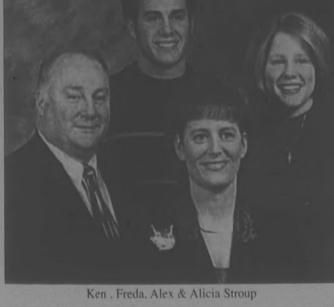


••••• to meet to attend this meeting.

Likely, Mary Batie, Bettye Belcher and De'Shawn, English, Mary E. Kelley, Mary Montgomery, Ala., Kendelyn Alice Blue and Clarence Jones. Belcher and Eria Lindsey

celebrate 100th anniversary November 27, 2003 Myron and ***Freeman and Lillian Finch Maria Duncan of Elba were host of Syracuse, Ny. visited the

meaningful and delightful story spoke in various camp meetings. Ken whenever possible. of Christmas in a small town, and conferences throughout the ill be presented by the children Southeast. Ken has served the and youth ministry members of Church of God in many differ-1, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. A special Christmas meal will be prepared twenty-seven years including Now is the time to by the men of the congregation Associate Pastor, District Youth | capture Christmas ollowing the program. Mt. and C.E. Director. He currently memories with beautiplive is located in the Pine serves as a "State Evangelist" on 1 Tul portraits. Come b Level Community. Bro. Tony the Alabama evangelist team. | and see our selection Dye, pastor, and the congrega- He has served on the State of of Christmas cards tion invites everyone to spend Zion Chapel PTO and let us tell you about our special



The Saint Beulah Missionary to a number of relatives and Finch family in New Brockton. Elba Church of God's revival services December 9th, from North Main

evangelist. Service will begin at Ken and his wife Freda, and Gospel Singing to

evangelist for "Voice of Hope" and Freda have been married for Line Baptist Church Ministries which sponsors the 26 years. Alex is 17 years old County Line Baptist, Beacon of Hope" Web and will be attending Shelton Enterprise, will be hosting The He has been in full time ministry is 14 years old and will be in the 6, 2003 at 6pm. The Garretts are for the past twenty-seven (27) 9th grade at Tuscaloosa County a husband and wife musical sears. Ken serves the Lord in an High School this fall. Ken's team from Toronto, Canada. evangelistic ministry that is pri- family is very active in their More info on the Garretts can be and they are proud parents of event will be held on Saturday presented at Mt. Olive marily centered in the state of local church, "Harvest Time found at www.garrettscountry-Alabama, but he has ministered Worship Center", in Buhl. gospel.com. County Line is in many different states and dif- Freda and Alicia share in a located four miles South of

ent positions during the past

December 4 The Zion Chapel PTO will meet Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the high school 6:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Everyone is urged

The Vineyard Christian Retreat to sponsor gospel singing The Vineyard Christian

Retreat Center in Ariton is sponsoring a gospel singing for the kids. Toys will be collected to be distributed to needy children in the area. The singing will be held on Friday, December 12th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured troups will be Oasis, The Haire Family, Souled Out and others. For more information call 334-762-2256.

Enterprise Christmas Parade planned for December 9

The Enterprise Christmas Parade will be at 6:00p.m., Street to South Main Street. The theme is. " Christmas-A Family The Elba Church of God is Alabama Evangelism Board for Tradition." The public is cor-The guest speaker will be Kimberly Russell, Evelyn Smith of Charlottesville, Va., holding revival services from the past four years, and is dially invite to attend this annu-Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs of Manning, Jason and Mason Lorine Grant, Stuart, Fla. and December 11th through the presently serving on the all event that includes a special visit from Santa Claus.

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Morn. Worship. 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service. 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service. 7:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY NEWS

2003 Coffee County Farm City awards recently were presented for several categories

Johnston, C&J Farms consists of 2003 FARM OF DISTINCTION...This award was presented to The Rhoades Farm (W.H and Glenn 350 acres of peanuts, 850 acres Rhoades). Located near the Town of Kinston, W.H. and Glenn Rhoades have made a name for being of cotton, 70 hay and 235 acres top notch managers of their farm and also being good neighbors and friends in their community. W.H. PEANUT AWARD (50-250 ACRE)... This award was presented to of corn for a total of 1,505 acres. started the the operation in 1943 with a small peanut and corn operation. Glenn had his first crop at 16-Bret Dalrymple who has spent his life farming in the Mount Carter and Johnston own over years-old, and his first crop with his father was in 1976. Today, W.H. and Glenn farm the following Pleasant community of Coffee County. Along with the 411 acres he 400 acres of land and lease the acreage: 144 acres of peanuts, 175 acres of cotton, 140 acres of rye and oats which is cut and sold for owns, Dalrymple rents almost 800 acres of farmland. 89 acres are remainder. Pictured above with seed and 49 acres of planted pines. Those pictured above include (from left): Steve Wyrosdick, Peggy pasture. This year, he planted 637 acres of cotton and 236 acres of the award is Jarrod Johnston. and Glenn Rhoades, and Steven Bozeman. peanuts. Accepting the award were (from left): Kim, Dylan, Dakota,





WAYNE FARMS PULLET GROWER OF THE YEAR...This WAYNE FARMS HEN PRODUCER...This award was presented WAYNE FARMS TOP BROILER PRODUCER...This award was presented to Shore Creek Farm, owned and operated by to William R. and Carmuletta Hawthorne. They began farming in was presented to Jerry and Gayla Hollis. Jerry has been a broiler Wiley and Ann Vann. This farm is located in the Victoria communi-1980 and farmed peanuts and soybeans. In 1994, they started grow- producer with Wayne Farms since 1990, and he was the top broiler ty of Coffee County. The Vanns started their poultry business in ing breeder hens with Wayne Farms. They farmed approximately producer in 1997 and 1998. He also received recognition of 1998 with two pullet houses and one male house. In 2000, they 500 acres and also had brood cows. In 2003, they retired from row Outstanding Broiler Performance in 1997, 1999 and 2002. Jerry added two more pullet houses and another male house. Wiley and



land, 10 acres of peanuts, 15 acres of corn, 25 acres of pasture and have made Wallace Farms more 50 acres of hay. Today, the farm encompasses 350 cows, 520 acres dependent on cotton, and they of land, 425 acres of rented land, 30 acres of corn silage, 30 acres of now enjoy growing almost grain silage, 10 chicken houses (1,020,000 birds) and 50 acres of 1,000 acres. Levarl Wallace is timber. Max Bozeman made the presentation to the Lott family. shown above with the award.

Other awards presented included... Business of the Year - Lucky Lawn Service, Inc.

Forestry Award - A.B. Bryars Jr. Family Farm

vation plan on the acreage.

Outstanding Conservation Farmer - James F. (Jimmy) Waters

Lucky Lawn began as a partnership between Howard Maddox and his son Kevin Maddox in 1984. The company offered fertilization and weed control for pre-existing turf. The company incorporated in 1989 and expanded its services to include landscaping and irrigation installation and repairs. At present, the company is owned and operated by Kevin Maddox, Stan Cook and Bob Hancock. They employ

Waters currently owns 225 acres of farmland just east of Enterprise. He made many improvements to the farm in 2002. He worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to update a conser-

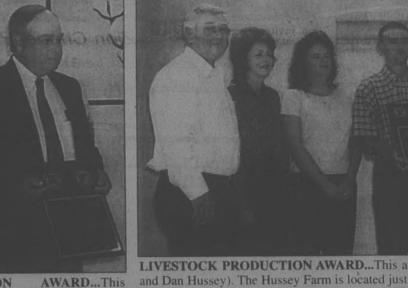
The Bryars Farm consists mostly of natural stands of mixed pine-hardwood with some acres in row

crops and grassland. Good stands of pure hardwood are retained along streams, drains and the Pea River. These hardwood stands, along with some 40 acres of wildlife openings with food plots and many

niles of wood roads provide excellent habitat for deer, turkey, squirrel and other wildlife species that







LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AWARD...This award was presented to Hussey Farms (Glenn, Otho COTTON AWARD...This and Dan Hussey). The Hussey Farm is located just south of Enterprise and has been around since 1951 award went to Wallace Farms when Mr. Othos started farming. Today, they own over 400 acres of land and rent over 2,000 acres. This LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AWARD...This award was pre- which consists of Delone, consists of 575 acres of pasture and hay land, 450 acres of peanuts, 700 acres of cotton, 400 acres of sented to Preston, Charles, Carl, Myrtle, Renee, Jarrod and Ethan Levarl and Terry Wallace. corn and 370 acres of cows. The award was presented by Max Bozeman (far right). Members of the Lott. This family farm began in 1971 with six cows, 100 acres of Changes in the peanut program Hussey family accepting it were Dan, Linda, Beth, Glenn, Otho and Eldessie (Det) Hussey.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AWARD...This award was presented to Smith Family Farms. This CONAGRA FOOD BROILER PRODUCER OF THE YEAR farm is located north of Elba along Hwy. 125 and north of Thames Bridge in the Zoar community. It is SONRISE FARM...This award was presented to Mark and Donna owned and operated by Dean and Dennis Smith, the sons of Arthur D. and Audrey Smith. Dean and Ward. Sonrise Farm is six years old, but the Ward family has been Dennis grew up helping their dad with his hog operation until 1988 when Audrey decided she had involved in poultry production since 1978. Sonrise Farm is located enjoyed the aroma of hog pens long enough. She purchased Arthur D. two commercial heifers and in the Ino community and is a two house farm. It produced 399,057 today Smith Family Farms has 155 Brangus mama cows and bred heifers, 600 acres of row crops, pas- birds in the last fiscal year. These birds averaged 38 days from ture and timber. They lease an additional 600 acres of crop and pasture land. The award was presented placement to sell date and had an average weight of 3.70. The averby Max Bozeman (right) and accepted by (from left) Dean, Pam, Deann, Jan and Dennis Smith. age fee conversion was 1.72 with a 97.56 percent livability. Presenting the award to Mark and Donna was Jason Robinette.

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things that happened during her

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Ms. Beverly McCall's third

grade class made a timeline with

pennies - one from each year of

their life. They listed major

world events on their timeline.

happenings in their life or in

with pennies.

SCHOOLS

by Meredith English



sen for this week's Co-Op ed this for the retired teachers they got to spend with each Spotlight. Alex is the 16-year-old son

of Jeff and Gena Benbow, and the brother of Melissa Thomas and Emilee Benbow. He is employed by the National Security Insurance Company where he works in the

Alex is a member of the playing his guitar.

SUPPORT **EDUCATION**



Editors: Brittany Cooper & Alex Allen

Elementary School hosts

by Karrie Copeland

They provided refreshments American Education Week for the teachers, and the event was celebrated recently, and was held in the conference room every Tuesday of the special where the teachers enjoyed minweek is reserved for retired gling with other retirees. Several teachers attended this teachers of education. Alex Benbow has been cho- Elba Elementary School host- event and enjoyed the hours

this year. The PTO hosted this other.

by Mary Katherine Head

This week's Student Spotlight focuses on Megan Sullivant, Vocational Industrial Clubs of daughter of Scottie and Sandy. America, a Student Government Sullivant, and seventh grade stu-Association Junior Class dent here at Elba High School. Representative and an Elba Megan plays clarinet in the High School Ambassador. marching and symphonic bands In his free time, he enjoys and is a member of Junior Beta. She also attends First Baptist Church where she is a member f the youth group.

> During her spare time, Megan njoys reading mysteries and stening to her favorite music rtists such as: Billy Currington, immy Wane, Rascal Flatts and Christen. Toby Keith. She also loves car- Congratulations to Megan ousins - Aaron, Brooklyn and student spotlight.





tea honoring retired teachers STUDENTS AT ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTED OVER 800 CANS OF FOOD for Thanksgiving. All food was donated to Human Resources Development Corporation (Elba office). Volunteers from Elba High School were Summer Stricklin, Hannah Martin, Amanda Mauldin, Pasco Lindsey, Colby Capps, Ben Dye and Chad William, Volunteers from Elba Elementary were Brittany Wilson, Donnell Horstead, Taylor Creel and Haley Bryan, Lynn Baker, counselor at Elba Elementary and Dottie Stricklin, HRDC, coordinated the food drive.

E.E.S. students help St. Jude save lives

dents are being offered the can help. Thon.

Each year, more than 10,000 schools and almost 400,000 students participate in the Math-A-Thon. A group this size generally brings in more than \$20 milion in pledges for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Tenn. Though the figure is impres-

ive, it is only a fraction of what costs to operate the hospital. The average cost of the treatment for a single patient during their first year is around costs around \$19,000. All treatment costs, beyond and that PIC OF THE WEEK... And one t ing for children, particularly her Sullivant on being this week's might be paid by insurance, are

Elba Elementary School stu- You may be asking how you get correct, you donate than

chance to make a difference in Simply sponsor a participat- For example, if you sponsor a the lives of thoers by participating child for a few cents. Then child for 3 cents and they get ing in the St. Jude Children's the child will complete approx- 100 problems correct, you give Research Hospital Math-A- imately 250 math problems in them a \$3 donation.

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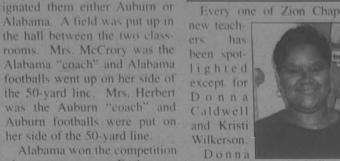
the life of a child whose family otherwise may not be able to afford the treatments necessary to save

High School REBEL

Zion Chapel

was held at Zion Chapel. It was sponsored by the math classes of Mrs. Lori McCrory and Mrs Mary Herbert. The competition

New Faculty Members:



Alabama won the competition Donna almost two to one. Each paper Caldwell is Donna Caldwell football was purchased for 25 the fifth

raduated from Charles assignment,

Her experience includes being Kristi is Kristi Wilkerson Taco Pee Wee. teachers' aide at Troy married to Elementary, a fifth grade teacher Benny Wilkerson and they have tiplication tables to Mrs. Hodge 91 percent of the three secat South Highlands in Union three children Peyton, Gracie and individually. Each table, one tions of fifth graders have masprings, and a remedial teacher Whit.

She has two children Brandi "Multiplication Bingo' and Bradley Dawson School. She has a degree in Derrick Sanders, Taylor

Ms. Beverly McCall's third grade class and their penny timeline

BREAKFAST

Cereal, Juice, Milk

ereal, Juice, Milk

Menu

Ionday - Cinnamon Raisin | Sandwich, Veggie - Manager's Choice

siscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk Veggie - Manager's Choice, Ice Cream

Cup, Fruit, Milk

husage, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Sandwich, Hash Browns, Tossed Salad,

Multiplication Bingo held as part of FBLA project

Multiplication Bingo is the ocus of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Make a Difference Day Project for Alabama's Loving and iteracy State Project. This is ongoing project dedicated to the idea that every student should know the multiplication

Working with Mrs. Melinda Hodge, fifth grade math teacher, members of FBLA picked out prizes and held a bingo game. 7 people participated. Each person got a hospitality gift for participating and several larger various people bingoed playing Fifth graders who participated

Elba and a graduate of Elba High Wesley Black, Lydia Mills, Multiplication Bingo with FBLA. ing eight years as a neonatal Camden Kelley, Dillon Elmore, Kendra Culver, Sydney in December,



Kristi Wilkerson is a native of were Shalandra Rudoloph, These are the fifth graders who earned the right to play

nursing from Auburn University. Faulkner. Brandon Barnhill, Paige Gibson, Kelli Behrens, Williams, and Vanessa Nelson.

Her experience includes work- Darnesia Tillis, Kayla Bagwell, Erin Dismukes, Kayla Hurd, The next bingo game will be

Students get picture made with Taco Pee Wee

The multiplication tables have seconds. been a major focus for fifth A student earns an item for graders whose math instructor is each table recited in 60 seconds. Mrs. Melinda Hodge. The 0s earn a cup, the 1s a nap-

These fifth graders have done kin, the 2s a plate, the 3s a drink, a variety of activities, and the the 4s a taco shell, the 5s cheese, latest activity is to earn a taco the 6s meat, the 7s tomatoes, the and get a picture made with 8s lettuce, the 9s salsa, the 10s

sour cream, the 11s chips and Students have to say the mul- dip, and the 12s ice cream. through 12, has to be said in 60 tered the multiplication facts

Beverly McCall's third grade class creates timeline with pennies On the last day of school before Thanksgiving holidays, they had their taco party. Each fifth grader who had met the requirements got his/her picture made wearing a sombrero and with Taco Pee Wee

and earned all the items from a



Vanessa Nelson and Taco Pee Wee

Pee Wee is the pet of Mrs Jeanette Adkison, the mother of

Gatlin Carnley, Cory Carte

Zion Chapel High School First Nine Weeks Honor Roll

with Grade: Dillon Davis, Kristen Col Hillary Davis, Hayden Gibson, Freeman, Caillin Grissett, Juni Tanner Grant, Rebecca Hodge, Hall, Drew Little, Cristen Stephanie Holloway, Nita Long, Patterson, Casey Rushing, Heather McCollough, Erika Brittany Smythe, Cassie Mount, Alyssa Napper, Joshua Strength and Kyle Tankersley. L. Richards, Garrett Stinson and Eighth Grade: Brittany Lance Walden. Seventh Grade: Amber Grissett Wayne Lambert, Brittany

Layton, Gage Nalley, Brooke and Ethan Mount. Eighth Grade: Stephanie Stinson, Rebecca Thompson Collier, Brittany Dismukes, Jon and Harry White. Fuller, Sheena Hussey, Tindol Ninth Grade: McKinley Long and Luke Peters. Ninth Grade: Erica Lewis, Grant, Epsie (Eppie) Long, Jennifer Taylor, Stacy Williams Jenna Mobley and Loyd White.

and Matt Williams.

McLendon Twelfth Grade: Anna Miller

Logan Leverett, Landan Peters, Joshua Yager. Thursday - Honey Buns, Tomato, Hot Dogs, Oven Fries, Baked Friday - Breakfast Pizza, Friday - Chile w/ Meat, Pork Rib-B-Que

Arnette, Adam Carter, Todd Tenth Grade: Abe Childs. Tenth Grade: Keri Flowers, Jackie Cowart, Cortney Dykes, Rosanna Johnson, Lindsay Donna Flowers, Keri Hobbs. Leverett and Heather Sanders. Jason Holloway, Kayla Hughes, Eleventh Grade: Kristen Shea Manning, Byron

Cardwell, Jessica Carroll, John

McWaters, Melanie Perry, Kattie Price and DJ Stinson. Eleventh Grade: Maegan Sixth Grade: Jasmine Bell, Johnson, Roy B. King, Chris Donald Brown, Sierra Bush, Leger, Clay Lewis, William Jennifer Cook, Zachery Gilbert, McCurdy, Austin Smith, Joshua Aaron Grant, Heather Hines, Smith, Michael Sneed and

Dillon Roberts, Brittany Twelfth Grade: Lee Boutwell Simmons and Joseph White. Shae Flowers, Amber Seventh Grade: Lindsay Henderson and Brittany Amlong, Carol Ann Banks, Thompson.



Girls participate in Powder Puff Football Jamboree

Seniors show off their senior t-shirts

Girls from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 participated in a Powder Puff Football Jamboree to help raise money for athletics. Each grade level formed a team and secured coaches. Seniors coach was Jamey

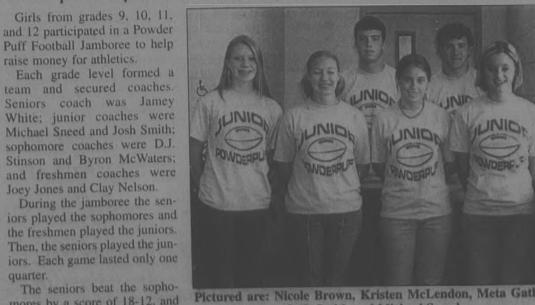
Michael Sneed and Josh Smith; sophomore coaches were D.J. Stinson and Byron McWaters; and freshmen coaches were Joey Jones and Clay Nelson. During the jamboree the seniors played the sophomores and the freshmen played the juniors. Then, the seniors played the jun-

The seniors beat the sophomores by a score of 18-12, and freshmen, after several overtimes, with a score of 36-30. When the juniors and seniors met, the seniors were victorious by a score of 6-0.

Admission for the game was

\$1 per person, and there was a

arge crowd that attended.



Pictured are: Nicole Brown, Kristen McLendon, Meta Gatlin, the juniors finally defeated the Kenna Roberts, Josh Smith and Michael Sneed.

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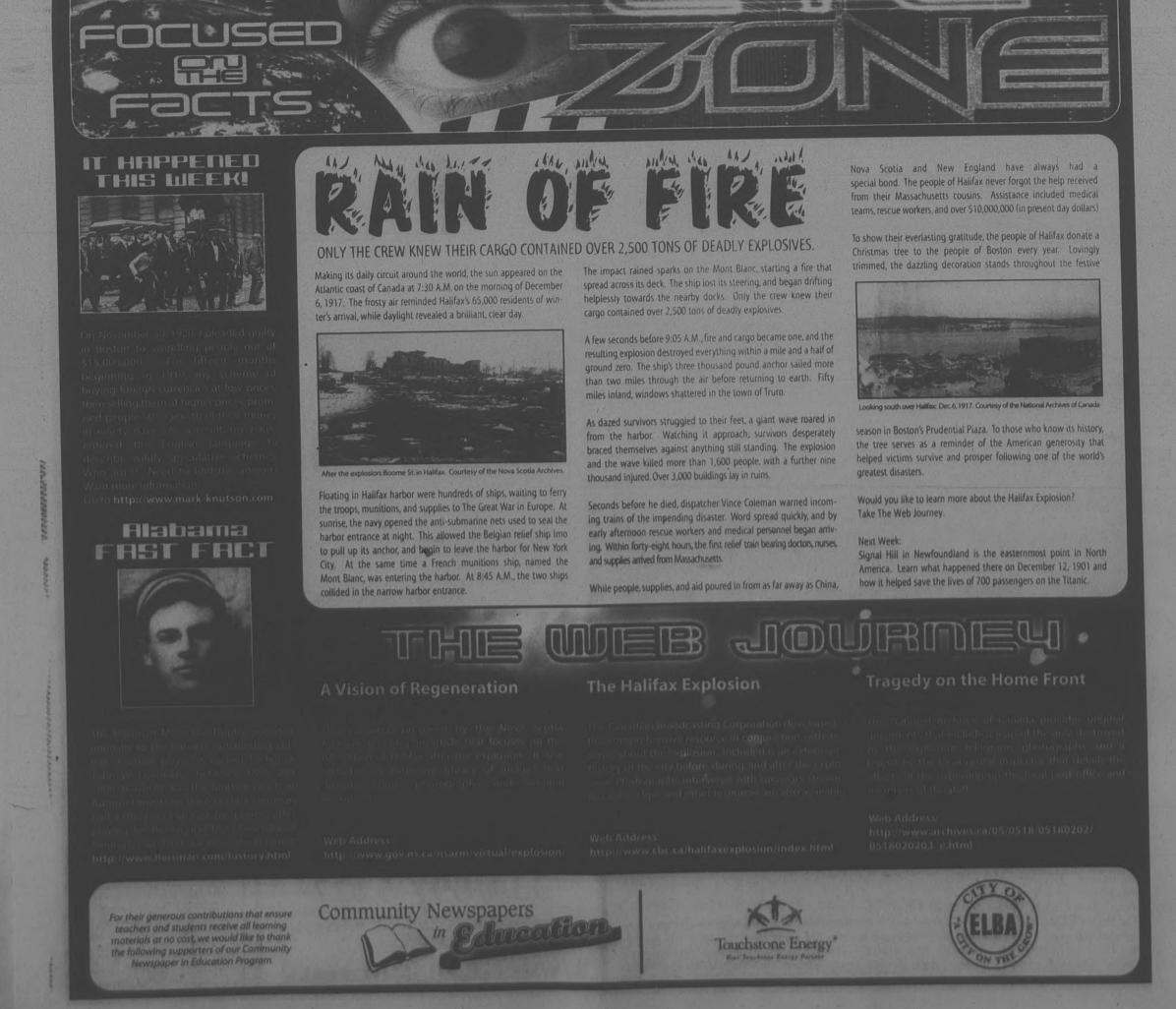
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minutes and had to rely on their

defense to stay in the game as the Eagles scored only three

out to a 22-19 lead.

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The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While everyone in my family enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner last Brockton/Southeast Sun until the closing minutes of the week, I don't know who enjoyed the leftovers the most - me or my Thanksgiving Tournament and half, when the Lady Tigers went dog! I munched down on the various leftovers until Saturday night. made an early exit as they were on a 5-0 run to take a 22-21 halfwhile the dog got to chow down on turkey bones Thanksgiving climinated in the opening round time advantage. LaFondra afternoon and then got what was left on the plates the rest of the after a 53-47 loss to the Thigpen scored four points durweek. Yep, me and "Coach" enjoyed the holiday goodies. Rehobeth Lady Rebels. ing the late rally to lead the

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH

*** The Elba Tigers posted two wins and one loss last week in the Carnley. "We had been practic- their surge in the early minutes New Brockton Thanksgiving Tournament to bring home the conso-ing for three weeks and did very of the third quarter and rode the lation trophy for their third place finish. The Tigers didn't exactly little right. We worked hard on play of LaFondra Thigpen to light up the scoreboard in any of their three games and averaged less defense and scoring in transigrab a 29-25 lead with 6:09 than 46 points a game, but did show they could score inside as tion, but didn't score one single remaining in the stanza. Marchello Reed. Quinton Gavin and Kikko Logan all showed their point in transition against a team. Thigpen scored the first points ability to muscle in for points. Elba didn't take many shots from that didn't even press, I guess of the half on a fast-break laybehind the arc, but did hit a couple and my guess is that the three- the only good thing about the up, then added a three-pointer pointers will come as the season rolls along. The most impressive tournament was that it allowed and a long jumper to push the part of the Tigers' game was their aggressive play on defense. Elba me to see where our weaknesses Lady Tigers to a four-point lead. hustled all over the court throughout every game and made it clear were and that the loss also gave. A three-pointer by Tunisia that this year's Tigers would take advantage of their quickness to us some extra time to practice. Thigpen put Elba back on top disrupt opposing offenses. If the Tigers can play as aggressive on We have a very tough schedule 32-29 with 3:54 left in the quaroffense and start putting more points on the scoreboard, they may coming up in the next two ter, while a short jumper by just have a bunch of wins up their sleeves.

of the tournament and simply could not get their shots to drop in the time getting a win. The girls are the clock. Lawford's basket was Thigpen scored 17 points to lead the Lady Tigers in their season loss to Rehobeth. Elba's girls hustled for all four quarters and played willing to work hard and we will the last points Elba would score opener hard on both offense and defense, they just missed far too many work hard to get better, but last in the quarter; however, as open shots from inside and out to claim the win. LaFondra and week's showing over in New Rehobeth closed with a 9-0 rally free-throws in the final :17 to R 12 9 19 13 - 53 Tunisia - the "Thigpen Sisters," both had big games and scored a Brockton was very disappoint to take a 40-34 lead heading into hold on and eliminate Elba 53- E 11 11 12 13 - 47 total of 32 points in the loss, which should open up Ayonna Proctor ing." from the outside and take some pressure off the senior guard. Elba's Elba jumped out to an early 3. Ashleigh Waddail scored Tunisia Thigpen scored 17 Rehobeth (53): Allen 11. girls will lose some games early on and their record may not shine. () lead in the opening quarter early in the final stanza on a put points and LaFondra Thigpen Heygood 10, Davis 11, Johnson but I think they will get better and better as the season goes and will after a free-throw by Whitney back to cut the Rehobeth lead to added 15 to lead Elba, Angie 14, Woodard 4, Chason 2.

*** New Brockton and Zion Chapel both stayed busy over the went on a 6-0 run midway basket by Rehobeth's Mallory Allen both added 11. Thigpen 17. holidays in various tournaments, and gave their fans a preview of through the stanza to take a 9-4. Allen with 3:43 remaining the things to come. The Gamecocks were ousted in the opening round lead with 3:40 left on the clock. Lady Rebels owned a big 50-40 of their own tournament, but showed they could play with any team A three-pointer by Tunisia advantage. on their schedule when they play well. It will take four good quar- Thigpen sparked the Lady Tiger Tunisia Thigpen and Ashleigh ters of basketball for New Brockton to win, not just two or three, rally; however, Rehobeth Waddail combined to score and when the Gamecocks put it all together they could very well be answered with a rally of its own seven straight points to help the the surprise team in the area. The Rebels upset Ariton in the opening round of the Ariton tournament before falling in the finals to 4A straight points to take a 10-9 with :49 remaining in the game. Dale County, but showed that this season they will play to win and advantage with 1:41 still left in but Elba failed to score again. not just earn respect. Zion Chapel has always been hard to beat on the quarter. its home court, and after the win in Ariton, may now make some of their opponents believe that the Rebels must be taken seriously even when they are on the road. As for the girls teams at both schools, the Lady Gamecocks are in a rebuilding mode and may find wins hard to come by, while the Lady Rebels need to forget the scoreboard and wins will come for both teams, but they might be few and far

*** The "Super Six" high school football finals will be held this week in Birmingham and two local teams will head to Legion Field looking to bring home a state championship trophy. In Class 2A, Coach Mike Dubose will lead his Luverne Tigers into battle and while the turf will be familiar territory for Coach Dubose, it will mark the first time in years the Tigers have made it to the title game. Luverne started slow this season and at times looked like anything but a state title contender, but Coach Dubose put his plan in place and as the team got comfortable the wins began to pile up. Maybe now Paul Finebaum knows why the folks in Luverne hired the ex-Bama coach! The second area team to make it to Birmingham is the Pike County Bulldogs. Coach Wayne Grant and his troops defeated defending state champ T.R. Miller in overtime to earn their ticket to the finals, and now everyone in the state will get the chance to see Chris Nickson do his thing. The Pike County quarterback is without a doubt the most exciting player in the state, high school or college, and I hope he plays his best this week and proves to everyone that he is indeed a major college quarterback.

nection with looking for a new football coach is getting caught. Anyone who thinks college officials always do things the right way

Acedemy Cougars was named to the 2003 AISA All-Star game. New Brockton ousted in opener by Tigers 61-51 is crazy and has forgotten all about how Tommy Tuberville lied to
Bowers, a senior at CCA, is shown above with head football coach his Ole Miss followers the day before coming to Auburn; or how the Roland Jones folks up in Louisville went after Auburn assistant Bobby Petrino just last year and disrupted the Tigers as they were preparing for their bowl game. I agree there is a right way and a wrong way to go

Super Six football finals set about hiring a coach away from another school, but the guess here is that if Tuberville and his Tigers had lost to Alabama not many this week at Legion Field Auburn fans would care what anyone said about going after a new coach. The only thing that is clear is that the powers to be at Auburn Eight schools with a com- Class 2A finale Saturday at 11 and pulled down 6 rebounds. are not happy with Tommy Tuberville and he should start his own bined total of 18 state football a.m., job search, because his days on the Plains are numbered.

*** In closing....I have not been a die-hard Alabama fan since their first state crowns are head- 1977, 1982, 2000 and 2002 and The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and neve Gene Stallings got mad and quit, but I am happy that the Tide has ed for the Super 6 only defending champion still recovered as they were eliminated in opening round action by the finally put this year's disaster to rest and I won't have to watch them

Championships of the Alabama alive, locks horns with Daphne Straughn Lady Tigers 48-16. The Lady Gamecocks scored only one embarrass themselves anymore on national television. The loss to High School Athletic (14-0), the 2001 winner, in the points in the opening stanza, trailed 25-7 at the half and neve Hawaii last week was just another in a long line of losses that should Association Thursday, Friday Class 6A title game Saturday at threatened in taking the big loss. Maressa Loman scored 7 points not have happened, and at the moment I have to admit I have my and Saturday (Dec. 4-6) at 3 p.m. doubts about Mike Shula Brodie Croyle and many other Bama Birmingham's Legion Field. coaches and players. The first change should be to get rid of Mal Moore as athletic director, while the next should be concerning a pion in 1988 and 1989, takes on change in coordinators. If Alabama makes some changes, at least it Oneonta (13-1), the state champ CLASS 1A will make us think they know what they are doing, even though I in 1971 and 1972, for the Class American Christian 24

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by early Sunday morning which captured titles in 1990, Luverne 6 Red Level 0 with this week's final high school football predictions and stated 1998 and 1999, against Trinity Randolph Co. 14 Lineville 10 that after the last two weeks he was ready to hang it up for another (14-0), a first-time finalist, in a season. The local guesspert hit on 8 of 12 picks last week to move battle of unbeatens Thursday at CLASS 3A his yearly totals to 329-55, and here are this week's final picks.... CLASS 1A - Parrish 27 American Christian 21

CLASS 2A - Randolph County 14 Luverne 13 CLASS 3A - Pike County 34 Oneonta 28 CLASS 4A - Trinity 17 Deshler 15

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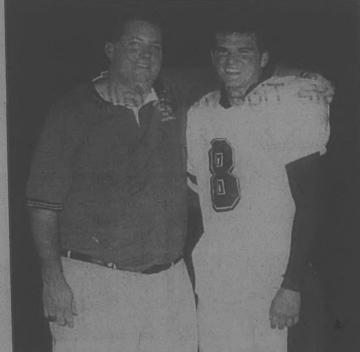
Elba Lady Tigers make early exit in tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers tipped Elba trailed 12-11 heading off their basketball season last into the second quarter and saw "I was very disappointed in Lady Tigers, while Ayonna

our play in the tournament," Proctor added a free-throw. stated Elba's Coach Leroy The Lady Tigers continued

the fourth quarter. LaFondra Thigpen and then remained in control and after a Rehobeth and Crystal Davis and 3, Waddail 7, L. Thigpen 15, T.

and Rehobeth hit three of four



*** The only thing the officials at Auburn are guilty off in conBOWERS NAMED ALL-STAR....Elba's Garret Bowers, a 6'3". Curtis added 13 points. 190 lb., running back/linebacker with the Crenshaw Christian

The Class 4A finale Thursday at 7 p.m. pits Deshler (14-0), CLASS 2A

7 p.m. and Parrish (12-1), two more teams seeking a first champi- CLASS 4A onship, square off in Class 1A Trinity 33 Demopolis 27 on Friday at 3 p.m. In Class 5A, Russellville (13-

1), a state winner during the sec-ond and third years of the play-Russellville 41 Pl. Grove 0 offs (1967 and 1968), takes the Briarwood 34 Homewood 7 field Friday at 7 p.m. against Briarwood Christian (12-2), CLASS 6A which emerged a champion in Daphne 38 Vigor 6 Hoover 31 Vestavia 24 (20t) 1991 and 1997, faces Randolph

County (12-1), another team

looking for that first title, in the

Parrish 20 Wadley 14

Deshler 49 Alexandria 23

weeks and must improve in all Whitney Lawford gave the Lady LADY TIGER DEFENSE....Elba's Tunisia Thigpen (30) blocks *** The Elba Lady Tigers were eliminated in the opening round areas or we will have a hard Tigers a 34-31 lead with 2:34 on the path of a Rehobeth player in last week's season opening loss. be a factor come tournament time. The key for the Lady Tigers will Lawford and a driving lay-up by 40-36, but the Lady Rebels Johnson scored 14 points for Elba (47): Proctor 5, Lawford

High School

Zion Chapel cages Purple Cats 59-50 The Zion Chapel Rebels opened the Ariton Tip-Off Tournamen with a bang last Tuesday night as they stunned the host Aritor Chapel, while Austin Smith added 13. Marquis ward led Ariton with 12 points and Joseph Vanzandt added 10.

Z.C. Lady Rebels fall to Florala 67-31 The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels competed in the Ariton Tip-Of Tournament last week and dropped their opener to the Florala Lady *Cats 67-31. No scoring details were available for either team.

Zion Chapel falls in finals to Warriors 76-46 The Zion Chapel Rebels were forced to settle for second place in last week's Ariton Tip-Off Tournament after a 76-46 loss to Dale County, in the championship game. Luke Taylor scored 14 points to ead the Rebels, while Tim Andrews and Jeremy Brown both scored 12 points to lead Dale County.

Z.C. Lady Rebels fall to Dale County 52-31 The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels closed out a winless visit to Aritor last week by falling to Dale County 52-31, in the consolation game of the Ariton Tip-Off Tournament. Jessica Kelley scored 16 point: and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead Dale County, while Stephanic

The New Brockton Gamecocks made an early exit from their own tournament last week as they lost to the Straughn Tigers 61-51, it opening round action. The Gamecocks owned a 29-25 lead at the half, but saw Straughn take command in the final two quarters to pull away and claim the win. Brett Parrish scored 18 points to leac New Brockton, while Donnell Foster added 10. Jeremy Hunt scorec 15 points to lead Straughn and Garrett Windham added 11 points

titles and four schools seeking Hoover (12-1), the champ in Lady Gamecocks eliminated by Straughn 48-16

and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Yameka Hal added 6 points and Alexa Adams scored 2. Danielle Beasley scorec SEMIFINAL RESULTS: 18 points to lead Straughn, while Abby Bracewell added 8 points and grabbed 7 rebounds.



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Tigers run past Warhawks 53-43

16-2 first quarter lead and then Elba's lead stood at 36-20 quarter challenge to defeat the ket inside. However, the Tigers Daleville Warhawks 53-43, on went over four minutes without Thanksgiving Tournament. a 9-0 run to pull within 36-29 Daleville opened the game in with 1:36 still left in the stanza.

an aggressive full-court press in Quinton Gavin hit two freean attempt to use its quickness, throws with 1:09 remaining to but the defensive pressure back- put an end to the Tigers' long fired as the Tigers easily pushed scoreless streak, and Matthew the ball down the court and then Curran drilled a long threegot the ball inside as Marchello pointer with :09 remaining as Reed muscled his way inside to Elba closed the quarter with four score the Tigers first seven unanswered points to move on points to help Elba open up a 7- top 41-29. 2 lead with 5:31 remaining in Kikko Logan scored on a put

A fast break basket by Mason fourth quarter to extend the Elba Gulley and five straight points lead to 43-29, but Daleville by LaRay Williams enabled again staged a rally and this time Elba to extend its lead to 14-2 went on an 8-0 run to cut the with 3:38 left in the quarter. Elba lead to 43-37 with 5:07 left while Duke Carr banked in a on the clock. driving lay-up with 1:30 Kikko Logan and Quinton remaining as the Tigers moved Gavin scored from in close and on top 16-2 over the stunned Matthew Curran banked in a Warhawks.

ond quarter after a short jumper ing, and Elba held on down the Saturday to compete a busy week of action. by Marchello Reed, but stretch to post the 53-43 win. Daleville finally began to show Marchello Reed scored 13 signs of life on offense and points to lead Elba, while staged a mild rally to pull with- Quinton Gavin added 9. Randy in 23-14 with 3:55 remaining in Williams scored 16 points to

A three-pointer by Shawn 34 free-throw opportunities in Abbott sparked a 6-0 Elba run the game, while Daleville conthat pushed the Tigers lead to nected on only 2 of 12 chances. Elba's Duke Carr (12) drives in for a basket in the 29-14 with 1:42 left in the half, Tigers' win last week over Pleasant Home. The Tigers and at intermission Elba went E 16 13 12 12 - 53 claimed two wins last week to place third in the New into the dressing room with a big 29-16 advantage over the 4A

Elba opens with win over pound the ball inside early in the Reed 13, Logan 4, Sutley 2, third quarter and used the scor- Abbott 3. The Elba Tigers opened their ter snapped the long Elba scor- 16 with 6:51 remaining in the

hanksgiving Tournament and with 1:09 left to rally the Tigers the Pleasant Home Eagles 40- A long jumper from deep in The Elba Tigers saw a furious by Matthew Curran, but the corner by Quinton Gavin fourth quarter rally fall three Straughn scored the game's next hours, it is better to bathe just before going hunting. by Quinton Gavin and a fast helped the Tigers extend their 45, in the semi-final round of 47-39 advantage.

Pleasant Home began to settle Quinton Gavin made three 22-12 score. into its offense after a time-out trips to the free-throw line in the Elba matched Straughn buck- down 6 rebounds. Alphonsa five minutes of the quarter to go with the 40-32 win.

Elba's Quinton Gavin hit a Mason Gulley added 9 and a big 36-22 lead with only eight E 8 4 10 23 - 45 short jumper early in the third LaRay Williams scored 8. Devin minutes remaining. quarter as Elba pulled even at Spivey scored 12 points to lead Elba came out in the fourth Straughn (48): Hunt 19-19 with 7:24 showing on the Pleasant Home. clock. However, the Tigers didn't score again for almost six

EL 7 10 8 15 - 40 PH 6 13 3 10 - 32 Elba (40): Gulley 9, Williams with 1:58 left on a three-pointer Reed 7, Logan 10.

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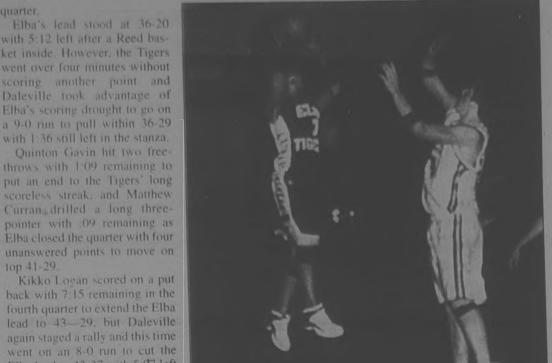
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points over the same span to pull 8, Gavin 14, Carr 2, Logan 5, Rogers 2. A bucket inside by Kikko P.H. (32): Blount 8, Spivey Logan with 1:42 left in the quar- 12, Clark 2, Edgar 2, Little 8



BRANDON CARPENTER, age 9, shot this 8-point buck while hunting with his Dad on Nov. 22, 2003. He s the son of Lee and Melinda Carpenter, of Elba.



driving lay-up to spark an 8-0 Elba's Mason Gulley (3) looks for a teammate to pass to after get-The Tigers' lead stood at 20-6 Elba run that put the Tigers ting airborne in last week's tournament win over Pleasant Home. with 6:32 remaining in the sec- ahead 51-37 with 1:41 remain- The Tigers will host Enterprise Thursday night and New Brockton

> Outdoors with Ben by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist Eliminating body

> > odor tilts odds in

hunter's favor

We all learned about the five senses- touch, taste, smell, hearing and D 4 12 13 14 - 43

Elba (53): Gulley 7, Williams The Tigers continued to 6, Gavin 9, Curran 7, Carr 2,

ing of Marchello Reed and D'ville (43): Williams 16.

lead Daleville. Elba hit on 19 of

Brockton/Southeast Sun Logan added a short jumper Late Tiger rally falls short Thanksgiving Tournament and with 1:09 left to rally the Tigers and give Elba a 25-22 lead head- in the fourth and give Elba a 25-22 lead head-

baseline jumper to spark a 6-0 the rebound after the second seemed stuck at 12-8; however, 45. run to open the second quarter attempt and then hit two free- Straughn closed the stanza with Kikko Logan scored 10 points as Elba moved ahead 13-6 with throws with :35 left as the a 10-4 run and at halftime Elba and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead 5:47 remaining in the half. Tigers' lead went to 34-30. found itself on the short end of a Elba, while Quinton Gavin

and used a sticky defense and final 12-seconds of the game et for bucket for much of the Freeney scored 14 points to lead some late three-pointers to and hit six straight attempts as third quarter and used the inside Straughn, while Jeremy Hunt outscore Elba 13-4 over the final Elba pulled away late to escape power of Marchello Reed to stay and Sterling Driver both added within striking distance, only to 10 points. in at the half with a 19-17 Quinton Gavin scored 14 see Straughn score the final six points to lead Elba, while points of the stanza and open up

quarter in an aggressive full- Driver 10, Armstrong court press and opened the stan- Freeney 14, Windham za with an 11-4 run that cut the Kinsaul 1, Rabren 4. Straughn advantage to 40-33. Elba (45): Gulley 8, Williams The Tigers got as close as 43-39 4, Gavin 10, Cooks 2, Curran 4,

break lay-up by LaRay lead to 30-22 with 5:27 left in the New Brockton/Southeast Kikko Logan scored on a will also buy you more scent free time. Pleasant Home scored six the next four minutes as the inside scoring of Quinton throw chances Quinton Gavin straight points to take a 6-3 lead Pleasant Home rallied and cut Gavin led for much of the open-nailed a long three-pointer to cut deodorant is the next best thing.

added 10 points and pulled

S 12 10 14 12 - 48

sight in elementary school. Since it is highly unlikely any of us will get close enough to taste or touch a live deer, that leaves smell, hearing and sight to be concerned with while perusing that elusive buck. Eluding a buck's sense of sight is not too hard, especially if one canremain still. Camouflage clothing, including facemasks, can make a hunter

blend in with their background foliage from early fall through winter. Avoiding a buck' sense of smell is another matter altogether. Hunting Quinton Gavin to grab their Jones 4, Johnson 5, Frasier 2. from elevated platforms and tree stands puts our scent higher and usubiggest lead of the game at 34- Grigley 4, Walker 8, Tinsley 4. ally allows for our scent to dissipate to some degree. But a strong downdraft of the prevailing wind can force our scent down from our elevated perch to the extent we are not much better off than if we were

nated for a period of three or four hours. After this time odor causing bacteria begins to grow on our body and odor increases as time passes. Eliminating odor begins with taking a bath, including washing hair, with an odor free soap or body cleanser such as the ones used by hospitals to kill bacteria. Since bacteria starts to grow rapidly after three

The Tigers jumped out to a and free-throws by LaRay points short Friday night as they four points from the free-throw A liberal application of baking soda to all parts of the body after a quick 3-0 lead on a free-throw Williams and Kikko Logan fell to the Straughn Tigers 48- line to regain command with a bath will extend your "scent free" time even farther. Put an extra dab

Williams, but failed to get back the quarter, but the Tigers again Sun Thanksgiving Tournament. short jumper with :12 left to pull Even if you take the above precautions, after three or four hours the on the scoreboard for the next lost site of the basket and this

Elba came out ready to play

Elba within 47-42, and after bacteria will begin to grow. If you come in for lunch and can take anoththree minutes and watched as time scored only one point over against its area rivals and behind Straughn hit one of two freechanging underwear and applying another dusting of baking soda and

with 4:19 remaining in the stanthe Elba lead to 31-30 with :58 ing stanza, only to see Straughn the lead to 48-45 with :04

The warm humid weather of the south requires hunting clothes be rally late to carry a 12-8 lead remaining on the clock. The washed more often than in other parts of the country. Sporting good Quinton Gavin and Mason Quinton Gavin hit the front into the second quarter of play. Tigers never got the ball back; stores stock an assortment of scent removing detergents, but you can do Gulley scored late in the quarter end of a one and one with :40 Both teams had problems however, and at the final horn just as well with a baking soda based detergent. After washing you to put the Tigers back on top 7- left to up the Elba lead to 32-20, finding the basket in the second Elba was still on the short end of clothes, it is much better to hang them on a clothesline to dry. If possi-6, while Reymar Rogers nailed a while LaRay Williams grabbed quarter as the scoreboard the score and took the loss 48and sprinkle them with baking soda. Some hunters substitute pine needles or leaves and humus for the baking soda.

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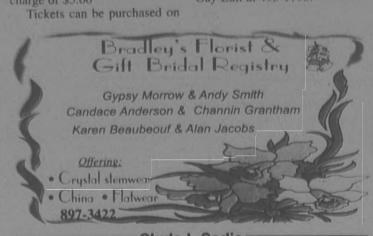
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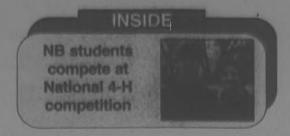
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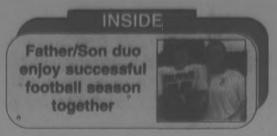


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The holiday season officially began last weekend in New Brockton as the town held its annual Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony. Many church groups, organizations and community businesses weathered the cold temperatures to show off their holiday spirit. From riding floats decorated in colors representing the season to wearing attire recognized for the occasion, the Christmas event was certainly one for all ages to enjoy. Even St. Nick himself got in on the fun as Santa filled the air with sounds of "ho-ho-ho" and feeling of good cheer. Immediately following the parade, citizens ventured to the town park located next to New Brockton Town Hall for the lighting of the town's Christmas tree. Afterwards, they enjoyed refreshments while singing Christmas carols. Additional pictures from the parade, can be found in this edition of the paper.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Christmas event committees present checks ities Monday morning, Dec. 8, letter supporting Wiregrass Paper and Janitorial received the

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Members of the town's For \$350 the leaky area over Christmas. council members and brought a guarantee, and for \$5,940 the and \$338 to be paid. smile to everyone's face after roof can be completely recovered * Received a reminder that over the operation. the pageant committee present- with a two-year guarantee. the town hall offices will be ed the town with a check for Considering the time limit for closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and is willing to take over but needs the end of December before you have will be honored at the

Mayor Charles Cole and I council members thanked committee members for all of their hardwork in presenting these holiday events, and council member Johnnie Herron said he found out firsthand how time consuming planning such events can be for the volunteers. He said his heart goes out to every person willing to help with

Council members handled a couple of requests from police chief Boyd Hartzog as they voted to hire one part-time officer from that position to fulltime with a pay increase.

save the town some money. The council also voted to pay

part-time police department employees holiday pay if they work on Christmas Day. The mayor presented a request from Hartzog asking the town council to support moving According to a town ordi-

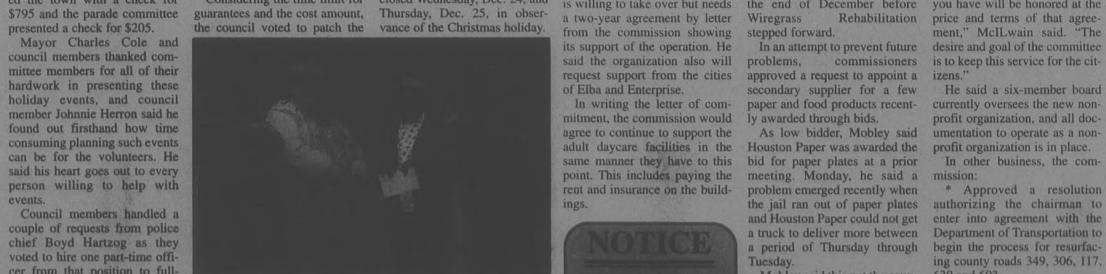
nance regarding this matter, a letter will be written to the owner asking him/her to do something with the vehicle. Once the letter is received, the owner has 15 days to do something. If the town has the vehicle owner will have to pay the mover to get it back. Cole said the town had stopped this procedure for some reason in the past, but he does

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In discussion, all council roof for \$975 with a one-year members voiced their support guarantee.

The New Brockton Town for following the ordinance and In other business, the council: Mobley told those in attendance ment, and I hope they run as of Coffee County EMS as from Christmas event commitCouncil members discussed employees a one-time pay raise hibited the State Department of Stephens' motion received a and spokesperson for the board, tees Monday evening, Dec. 8, fixing roof leaks on the town of \$50 for full-time and \$25 for Public Health and Department second from commissioner addressed the group. during the regular monthly hall building, and Cole present- part-time. This is something the of Human Resources from being Bernest Brooks and passed by a McILwain said Coffee ed three different price quotes. town does every year for able to work out an agreement unanimous vote.

Christmas parade committee the mayor's office can be *Approved a motion to pay the daycare facilities in Elba and county and cities of Elba and non-profit organization. He said and Christmas pageant commit- patched. For \$975 the whole roof monthly bills totaling \$41,724,65 Enterprise. However, he said Enterprise, Mobley said the organization currently tee reported successful events to can be patched with a one-year with \$41,386.65 being prepaid Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Wiregrass Rehabilitation will serves the City of Elba and the



Christmas parade committee members present for the New Cole said hiring this officer as Brockton Town Council meeting were (from left: Cal Donnia a full-time employee will elimi- Howard, co-chairperson; Jim Driskell; Barbara Herron, chairperson; nate two part-time positions and and Jerry Haynes. Other committee members include: Elma Brock, Lyn Manley and Deborah Herron.

Santa visits New Brockton for parade | C.C. Water Authority plans sign-up meeting for Phase II of countywide water system project

The Coffee County Water County, 89 percent of the rural calling (334) 585-5841 or the Authority will hold the first pub-residents of Alabama now have Water Authority at 894-9254. lic meeting on Thursday, Dec. access to public water and fire The Water Authority intends to

David Hicks, consulting engi- Community Development team from the project scope. neer for the Authority, said the developed a 'wish list' for Coffee According to Hicks, it is sign-up fee is set at \$25 and will County which included water imperative those parties interestbe refunded if water service is system improvements for the ed in the future development of not provided to the signee at his north half of Coffee County." north Coffee County assist in

"At a meeting in Coffee obtained from the engineer by neighbors

11, at 6:30 p.m., at New Hope protection," said Steve Pelham, serve only those residents desir-Baptist Church to sign-up poten- state director of the funding ing public water and potential tial customers for Phase II of the agency - rural development. "At fire protection. Areas with a few

While supplies of influenza they are at high risk of compliand household contacts of high vaccine are reaching low lev- cations, such as pneumonia or risk people. els, there is not yet a shortage even death. These groups Influenza is caused by of vaccine in the state. include persons 50 years old or virus. In an average year, 20 "While we have administered older; residents of nursing percent of the population thousands of doses of influenza homes and other long-term care experiences influenza.

vaccine this year, most county facilities that house persons of Symptoms include the sudden

Influenza vaccine can be immune system; women who the availability of influenza taken through the end of March. will be more than 3 months vaccine, contact your local Several groups of people pregnant during the flu season, county health department or

* Approved a motion to give that limited state funding pro- well under this group." Marvin McILwain, president

from the commission showing stepped forward.

its support of the operation. He In an attempt to prevent future desire and goal of the committee said the organization also will problems, commissioners is to keep this service for the citrequest support from the cities approved a request to appoint a izens." of Elba and Enterprise. secondary supplier for a few He said a six-member board In writing the letter of com- paper and food products recent- currently oversees the new non-

mitment, the commission would ly awarded through bids. profit organization, and all docagree to continue to support the As low bidder, Mobley said umentation to operate as a nonadult daycare facilities in the Houston Paper was awarded the profit organization is in place. same manner they have to this bid for paper plates at a prior In other business, the compoint. This includes paying the meeting. Monday, he said a mission: ent and insurance on the build- problem emerged recently when * Approved a resolution

countywide water system. this meeting, the USDA or no sign-ups may be deleted

Sign-up forms may be obtaining sign-ups from their

It is not too late to be immunized for influenza

health departments still have any age who have long-term ill- onset of fever, cough, some vaccine available," said nesses; adults and children who headache, body aches, mild Winkler Sims, director of the have chronic heart or lung con- sore throat and stuffy nose. Immunization Division. ditions, including asthma; Severe symptoms last 2-7 "December is not too late for adults and children who need days, but the cough can last for Alabamians to be immunized, regular medical care or have weeks. Some patients become

because influenza season usual- been in a hospital because of so sick that they need hospitaly peaks in January or February diseases like diabetes, chronic ization and some even die. here as it does nationally." kidney disease, or weakened For more information about

should obtain flu shots because children 6-23 months of age health care provider. Commission supports keeping adult daycare facilities open

"They (the facilities) are very bid on 12 oz. foam cups, food important especially to those travs and forks. The Coffee County who use them," commission The secondary bid for 12 oz. Commission pledged its support chairman Robert Stephens said foam cups and forks went to for two local adult daycare facil- as he offered a motion to write a Creel Paper while Enterprise during the regular bimonthly Rehabilitation in this venture, secondary bid for food trays. meeting of the commission. "The daycares were ran very Commissioners received an

had been contacted about taking prevent the closing of the day- western part of Coffee County. care facilities. The Elba facility "We want to assure you as a Mobley said the organization was scheduled to be closed by commission that any agreement

the jail ran out of paper plates authorizing the chairman to and Houston Paper could not get enter into agreement with the a truck to deliver more between Department of Transportation to a period of Thursday through begin the process for resurfac-

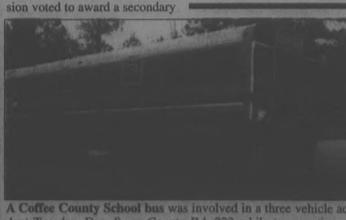
Mobley said this put the coun- 639 and 603. ty in a bind, and plates had to be * Approved a motion giving purchased elsewhere. To avoid this in the future, the commis- Please See CCC, Page 11

County administrator Wilson well under the health depart- update on the current situation

County EMS is in a transition to continue operating the adult In receiving support from the phase from a profit business to a

ment," McILwain said. "The

ing county roads 349, 306, 117.



A Coffee County School bus was involved in a three vehicle acci dent Tuesday, Dec. 9, on County Rd. 223 while transporting students home from school. At the time of the accident, there were only three students on the bus being driven by Sue Hussey. The car directly behind the bus was driven by Sherrie Barker, and she was transported to a local hospital for what appeared to be only minor injuries. A third vehicle, driven by Shannon Bright, hit the rear of Barker's vehicle in the chain reaction incident; however, Bright was not injured. The students were at the front of the bus at the time of impact. They did not appear to be injured but were being treated for